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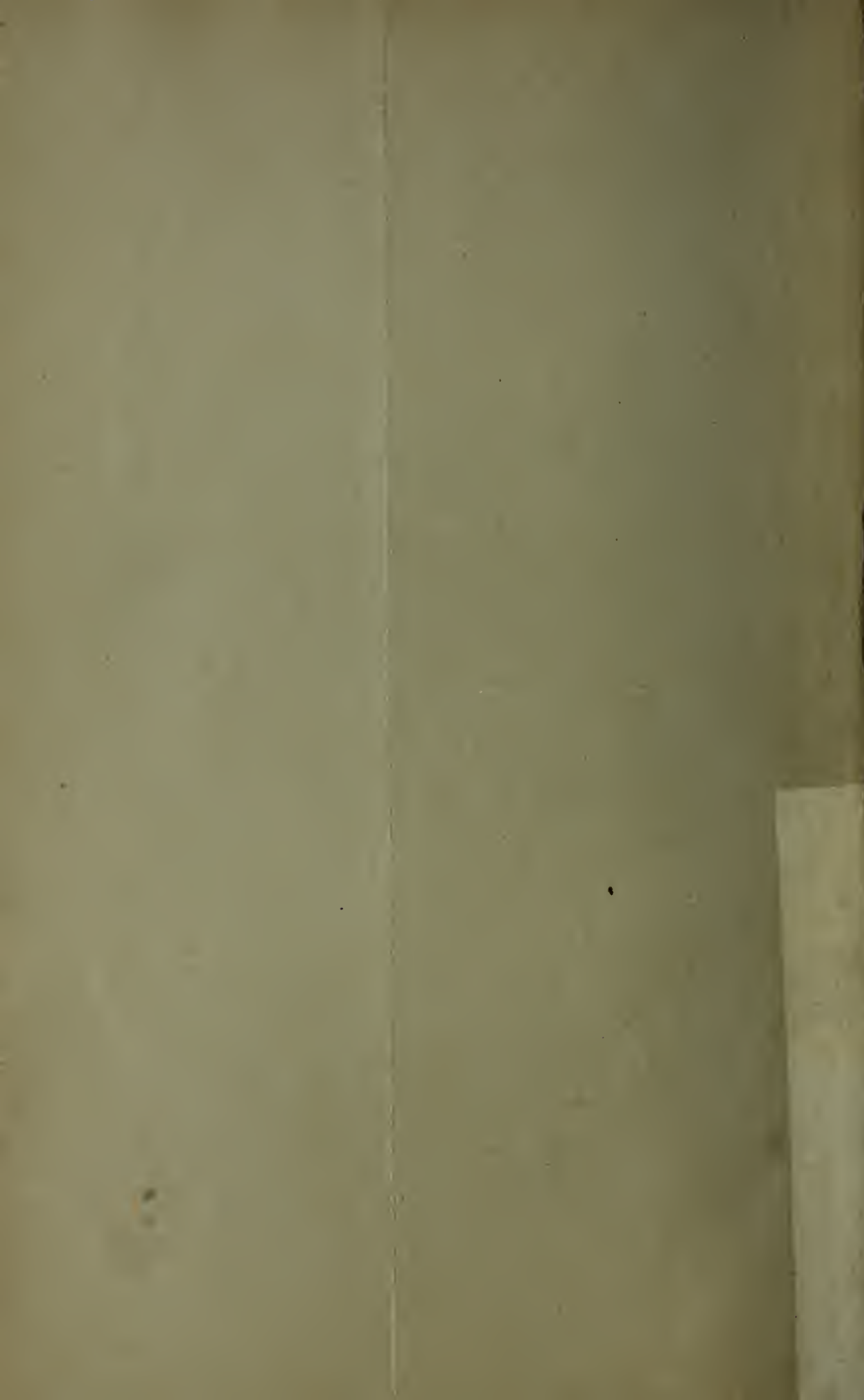
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JOHN WHITE OF WATERTOWN AND BROOKLINE, AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

JOHN¹ WHITE was living in Watertown when the first inventory of estates was taken. This appears to have been as early as 1639. He then owned "An Homestall of seven acres more or less bounded the south and east with the highway, the north with the swamp and the west with William Paine, bought from Ephraim Child."*

He remained in Watertown until 1650, when he moved to Muddy River (now Brookline), and bought from Thomas Oliver of Boston "50 acres upland 18 acres of marsh and six acres of fresh marsh in Muddy River for & in consideration of the full & just summe of one hundred & thirty pounds sterl. to be paid in good & merchantable corne & fatt cattle at prices current or as they shall be prized by two men indifferently chosen."

The deed conveying the property is dated "thirteenth day of the twelfth month one thousand six hundreth & ffifte."†

He afterwards bought other tracts of land in Brookline, and became a large proprietor. His will, dated April 13, 1691, names wife Frances and three sons. He died April 15, 1691. Married Frances ——— who died 1696. Their children were:

2. i. JOHN,² b. 1642.
3. ii. JOSEPH, b. ———.
4. iii. BENJAMIN, b. ———.
- iv. MARY, b. 1652; d. May 26, 1669.

2. JOHN² WHITE (*John*¹) lived in Brookline, was called "Lieut. John," died March 28, 1695; married Elizabeth, daughter of Elder John Bowles. She died January 7, 1699–1700. Children were:

- i. ELIZABETH,³ b. March 2, 1667; m. Edmund Weld of Roxbury.
- ii. JOHN, b. July 18, 1669. Graduated H. C. 1685. In 1692 he was exempted from tax in Roxbury on the ground of his having taken two degrees, and entered upon the work of the ministry. Was chaplain to Sir William Phipps when governor. After the death of Sir William he was elected three years successively one of the representatives of Boston, and was clerk of the House of Representatives twenty successive years.

Nov. 15, 1697, he was chosen Fellow of Harvard College, and Oct. 27, 1713, treasurer of the college. He assumed the duties of treasurer in July, 1715, and held the office until his death. He was one of the twenty-two proprietors of Leicester, Mass., and one of the trustees of the Province Loan. He died Dec. 11, 1721, unm.

His brothers Isaac and Joseph administered on his estate.‡

- iii. MARY, b. ———; m. July 29, 1703, James Tileston of Boston.
- iv. ISAAC, b. Nov. 2, 1673; d. March 2, 1684.
- v. ABIGAIL, b. 1676; d. Feb. 15, 1753; m. William Sharp³ (Lieut. John,² Robert¹). Children were:
 1. *Abigail Sharp*, b. March 29, 1700; d. May 2, 1743.
 2. *John Sharp*, b. July 14, 1703; d. May 10, 1779.

* Watertown Records, Lands, Grants and Possessions, page 53.

† Papers of the White Family of Brookline. 1650–1807. Published by the Brookline Historical Publication Society.

‡ Sibley's Harvard Graduates, Vol. 3, pp. 345–348. Suffolk Probate Records.

3. *William Sharp*, } b. Feb. 23, 1705.
4. *Solomon Sharp*, }
5. *Martha Sharp*, b. May 7, 1708.
6. *Joseph Sharp*, b. June 17, 1711; d. Sept. 10, 1760.
7. *Benjamin Sharp*, b. Nov. 1, 1713.
8. *Isaac Sharp*, b. May 23, 1716; d. Sept. 15, 1777.
9. *Elizabeth Sharp*, b. May 15, 1718; d. Oct. 1803.
10. *Gershom Sharp*, b. May 15, 1720; d. Sept. 29, 1802.
- vi. *HANNAH*, b. ———; m. Aug. 4, 1708, William Paine of Boston.
- vii. *SARAH*, b. Dec. 5, 1680; m. John Winchester.
5. viii. *JOSEPH*, b. May 6, 1683.
- ix. *FRANCES*, b. Sept. 7, 1684; m. 1st, Benjamin Goodwin³ (John,² Christopher¹), b. Jan. 17, 1683; 2d, John Bowles.
6. x. *ISAAC*, b. April 25, 1686.
7. xi. *BENJAMIN*, b. ———.
3. *JOSEPH² WHITE* (*John¹*) lived in Brookline; died Sept. 10, 1725; married *Hannah* ———. Children were:
 - i. *MARY³*, b. July 17, 1670; m. 1st, Nathaniel Holland of Dorchester, who d. about 1716; 2d, ——— Esty. Children, all by 1st husband, perhaps not in order of birth:
 1. *Joseph Holland*.
 2. *Mary Holland*.
 3. *Ruth Holland*, m. ——— Coolidge.
 4. *Hannah Holland*.
 5. *Sarah Holland*.
 6. *Nathaniel Holland*.
 7. *Stephen Holland*.
 8. *Huldah Holland*.
 9. *Samuel Holland*.
 - ii. *JOSEPH*, b. Oct. 8, 1671; probably d. unm.
 - iii. *HANNAH*, b. April 12, 1673; m. 1st, April 18, 1700, Ebenezer Davis, b. April 9, 1678; 2d, May 24, 1722, Nathaniel Crafts; her will dated Sept. 18, 1741, probated Feb. 18, 1763. Children, all by 1st husband, were:
 1. *Ebenezer Davis*, m. Sarah White (see No. 8).
 2. *Nehemiah Davis*.
 3. *Aaron Davis*.
 4. *Hannah Davis*, m. ——— Healey.
 5. *Rachel Davis*, m. Moses White (No. 15).
 - iv. *SAMUEL*, b. Dec. 14, 1674; d. young.
 8. v. *BENJAMIN*, b. Feb. 27, 1675-6.
 9. vi. *JOHN*, b. 1677 or 1678.
 - vii. *FRANCES*, b. March 28, 1680; m. June 28, 1705, Henry Winchester.
 10. viii. *SAMUEL*, b. March 19, 1682-3.
4. *BENJAMIN² WHITE* (*John¹*) of Brookline, died January 9, 1723; married *Susannah*, daughter of William and Susanna (Hawkes) Cogswell of Ipswich. Children:
 - i. *SUSANNA³*, b. March 25, 1683; d. May 24, 1689.
 - ii. *ANN*, b. July 4, 1685; m. Peter Boylston of Boston. Their children were:
 1. *Benjamin Boylston*, b. April 29, 1705.
 2. *Ann Boylston*, b. Nov. 1, 1706.
 3. *Susanna Boylston*, b. March 5, 1709; m. Nov. 23, 1734, John Adams. She was mother of President John Adams.
 4. *Mary Boylston*, b. Sept. 15, 1714.
 5. *Elizabeth Boylston*, b. June 29, 1717.
 6. *Jerusha Boylston*, b. Feb. 3, 1719.
 7. *Sarah Boylston*, b. March 16, 1723.
 - iii. *MARY*, b. Aug. 27, 1688; m. Timothy Ruggles of Rochester, Mass.
 - iv. *SUSANNA*, b. Dec. 12, 1690; m. Robert Sharp⁴ (Robert,³ John,² Robert¹).
 11. v. *EDWARD*, b. July 10, 1693.

- vi. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 8, 1696; m. Nov. 21, 1727, William Fairfield of Boston.
- vii. JOANNA, b. Nov. 4, 1701; m. Joseph Ruggles of Roxbury.
5. JOSEPH³ WHITE (*John*,² *John*¹), a house carpenter; lived in Boston; died November 3, 1747; married January 21, 1713, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Martha (Lothrop) Goodwin of Boston.* She died December, 1748. Children:
- i. JOSEPH,⁴ b. Nov. 10, 1714.
 - ii. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 4, 1716; d. April 15, 1748.
 - iii. JOHN, b. May 24, 1719; d. young.
 - iv. JOHN, b. Feb. 27, 1720-21.
 - v. BENJAMIN, b. May 18, 1722.
6. ISAAC³ WHITE (*John*,² *John*¹), a ship carpenter and prominent citizen of Boston; will dated September 4, 1758, probated September 19, 1759; married June 24, 1710, Rebecca Green, born 1688, died September 17, 1782, at Billerica, Mass. Their children were:
- i. ISAAC,⁴ b. Aug. 21, 1712; m. Mary, dau. of Nathaniel Hodgdon.
 - ii. JOHN, b. Dec. 7, 1714; d. young.
 - iii. ANNA, b. April 9, 1717; m. May 20, 1736, James Clemens.
12. iv. JOHN, b. Nov. 21, 1719.
- v. JAMES, b. April 6, 1722; d. young.
 - vi. ELIZABETH, b. ———; m. Nathan Frazier.
 - vii. REBECCA, b. Sept. 8, 1726; d. young.
 - viii. BENJAMIN, ———; prob. d. 1771.†
 - ix. MARY, b. June 20, 1731; m. Robert Edwards.
 - x. FRANCES, b. May 16, 1735; d. young.
7. BENJAMIN³ WHITE (*John*,² *John*¹), a tanner, lived in Boston; died 1721; married February 4, 1713-14, Mary, daughter of Henry Hill of Boston. Children were:
- i. BENJAMIN,⁴ b. Sept. 4, 1715.
 - ii. JOHN, b. Dec. 28, 1716; d. young.
 - iii. MARY, b. April 15, 1718.
 - iv. HENRY, b. Oct. 28, 1719.
 - v. SARAH, b. Dec. 21, 1720.
8. BENJAMIN³ WHITE (*Joseph*,² *John*¹) of Brookline, one of the selectmen eight years, and a representative in 1731; will dated November 21, 1751, probated January 12, 1753; married 1st, Margaret Weld; 2d, Elizabeth ———. Children, all by first wife:
13. i. JOSEPH,⁴ b. Aug. 5, 1702.
- ii. SARAH, b. Aug. 5, 1704; d. March 10, 1774; m. Dec. 2, 1729, Ebenezer Davis; d. Sept. 30, 1776, at the age of 73 years. Their children were:
1. *Ebenezer Davis*, b. Oct. 10, 1731.
 2. *Hannah Davis*, b. July 20, 1735.
 3. *Benjamin Davis*, b. Aug. 17, 1737.
 4. *Sarah Davis*, b. June 30, 1739; m. Oct. 9, 1762, her cousin Joseph White⁵ (Joseph,⁴ Benjamin³, Joseph,² John¹).
 5. *Elizabeth Davis*, b. Aug. 30, 1742.
- iii. HANNAH, b. March 2, 1706; d. Feb. 20, 1742; m. Nathaniel Seaver.
14. iv. BENJAMIN, b. Nov. 25, 1707.
15. v. MOSES, b. Jan. 3, 1709-10.
- vi. LYDIA, b. Feb. 1, 1711-12; prob. d. young.
16. vii. EBENEZER, b. March 29, 1714. - 1715

* John was son of Christopher Goodwin of Charlestown, and Martha was daughter of Benjamin Lothrop of Charlestown and granddaughter of Rev. John Lothrop of Scituate and Barnstable.

† In 1771 John White, a merchant of Charlestown, was administrator on the estate of Benjamin White, a sea captain. Probably John and Benjamin were brothers and sons of Isaac³.

9. JOHN³ WHITE (*Joseph*,² *John*¹), graduated H. C. 1698, settled as minister at Gloucester October 21, 1702; died at Gloucester January 16, 1760; married 1st, June 9, 1703, Lucy, daughter of Rev. John and Abigail (Gardner) Wise of Ipswich. She died March 5, 1727, about 46 years of age. He married 2d, Abigail, widow of Newcomb Blake and daughter of Increase Mather, b. April 13, 1677, died December 10, 1748. Married 3d, June 1, 1749, Mrs. Alice Norwood, who died January, 1763. Children, all by 1st wife, were:
- i. JOHN,⁴ b. June 15, 1704.
 - ii. LUCY, b. March 27, 1706.
 - iii. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 21, 1707-8; d. Nov. 4, 1708.
 - iv. WILLIAM, b. Nov. 4, 1709.
 - v. THOMAS, b. Jan. 27, 1712.
 - vi. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 2, 1716; d. Feb. 17, 1718.
 - vii. BENJAMIN, b. Jan. 8, 1718; graduated H. C. 1738.
 - viii. ABIGAIL, b. April 17, 1720.
 - ix. HANNAH, b. Oct. 16, 1721; d. at the age of 93 years.
 - x. MARY, b. March 20, 1723.
 - xi. SAMUEL, b. May 20, 1725; graduated H. C. 1741; d. 1758.
10. SAMUEL³ WHITE (*Joseph*,² *John*¹), lived in Brookline, town clerk from 1726 to 1745, a selectman twenty-two years and a representative eleven years; died April 7, 1760; married November 5, 1712, Ann, daughter of Erasmond Drew; died 1774 at 90 years of age. Their children were:
- i. SUSANNA,⁴ b. Aug. 29, 1715; m. April 30, 1735, Ebenezer Crafts⁴ (Ebenezer,³ Samuel,² Lieut. Griffin¹). Children were:
 1. *Samuel Crafts*,⁵ b. June 3, 1736.
 2. *Susanna Crafts*, b. April 9, 1738.
 3. *Ebenezer Crafts*, b. April 9, 1740; d. Sept. 2, 1761.
 4. *Caleb Crafts*, b. Aug. 21, 1741; d. Jan. 28, 1826; m. 1st, Jan. 3, 1766, Eleanor, dau. of Benjamin White No. 14; she d. April 23, 1785; m. 2d, Sarah, dau. of Robert and Sarah (Payson) Sharp; she d. Dec. 14, 1810; m. 3d, Jerusha White, sister of his first wife.
 5. *Daniel Crafts*, b. April 3, 1743; d. Oct. 22, 1747.
 6. *Elizabeth Crafts*, b. May 22, 1747; d. 1838; m. Caleb,⁵ son of Benjamin White⁴ No. 14.
 7. *Daniel Crafts*, b. Aug. 16, 1752.
 - ii. ANN, b. March 28, 1723; m. Aug. 8, 1743, Henry Sewall; had children:
 1. *Hull Sewall*,⁵ b. April 9, 1744; d. Nov. 27, 1767.
 2. *Samuel Sewall*, b. Dec. 31, 1745; d. 1811 at Bristol, England, unm.
 3. *Rebecca Sewall*, b. Oct. 19, 1747; d. Oct. 29, 1747.
 4. *Henry Sewall*, b. Jan. 19, 1749; d. 1773.
 5. *Hannah Sewall*, b. Sept. 2, 1751.
11. EDWARD³ WHITE (*Benjamin*,² *John*¹) of Brookline, graduated H. C. 1712, town clerk from 1719 to 1726, a selectman eight years, a representative five years; will dated October 30, 1765, probated July 28, 1769; married January 22, 1718-19, Hannah Wiswell of Dorchester. Children were:
- i. HANNAH,⁴ b. April 14, 1720; d. Oct. 5, 1725.
 - ii. SUSANNA, b. May 20, 1722.
 17. iii. BENJAMIN, b. Oct. 5, 1724.
 - iv. HANNAH, b. Feb. 8, 1725-6; d. young.
 - v. HANNAH, b. Feb. 7, 1727-8.
 - vi. SARAH, b. Aug. 7, 1730. Not named in her father's will. Prob. d. unm.
 - vii. JOHN, b. Aug. 26, 1734.
 - viii. ANN, b. ———; m. March 25, 1768, James Wesson.
 - ix. OLIVER, b. ———.

12. JOHN⁴ WHITE (*Isaac*,³ *John*,² *John*¹), a merchant of Charlestown, moved to Billerica, Mass., with his mother Rebecca after the breaking out of the Revolution; died in Billerica November 23, 1811. His will, dated August 16, 1804, and codicil dated January 11, 1808, were probated in Middlesex County Dec. 12, 1812. By the will and codicil he gave to his daughter, Anna Orne, then a widow, one third of his real and personal estate; to his daughter Mary, the wife of John Brown, one third, and the other third to his two grandchildren, Sarah White and Mary Henley White, daughters of his son Isaac, deceased. At the time his estate was settled Sarah had married John Pickering, Esq., of Salem, and Mary Henley had married Rev. Samuel Gile of Milton. He married 1st, Mary Henley, November 5, 1741; married 2d, April 25, 1765, widow Mary Breed. Children:

- i. ANN,⁵ bapt. July 11, 1742.
- ii. REBECCA, bapt. Nov. 6, 1743; d. young.
- iii. REBECCA, bapt. April 21, 1745.
- iv. ISAAC, bapt. Aug. 16, 1747; d. young.
- v. MARY, bapt. Sept. 11, 1748; d. young.
- vi. ANNA, bapt. Feb. 24, 1750-1.
- vii. ISAAC, bapt. Dec. 30, 1753.
- viii. MARY, bapt. July 9, 1758.
- ix. JOHN, bapt. Sept. 14, 1766.

13. JOSEPH⁴ WHITE (*Benjamin*,³ *Joseph*,² *John*¹), lived in Brookline; selectman 1756 and 1758; died August 19, 1777; married May 26, 1730, Sarah, daughter of Ebenezer Crafts of Roxbury, born March 30, 1710; died 1776. Children were:

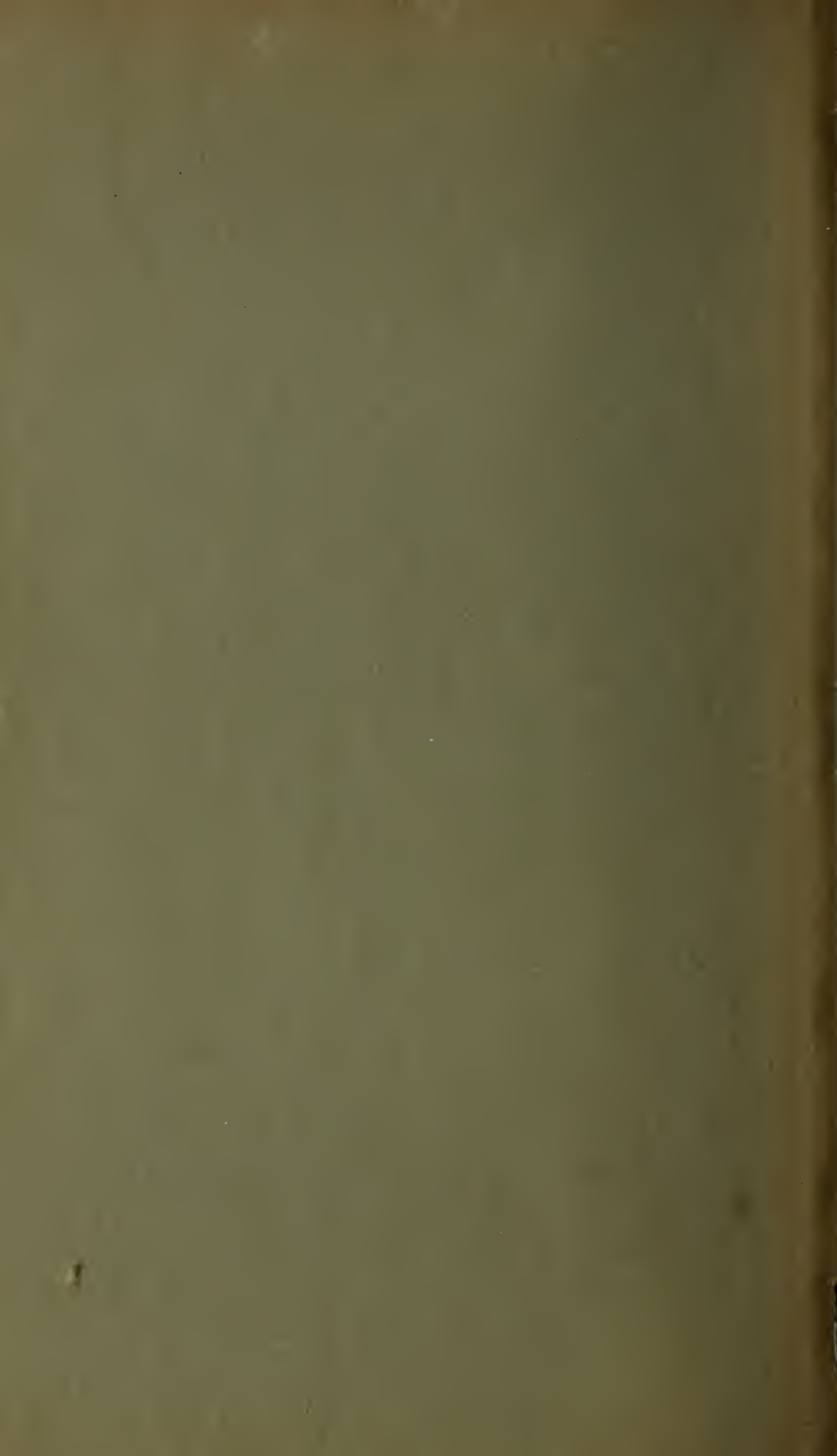
- i. SARAH,⁵ b. March 3, 1731; perhaps m. ——— Healey.
- ii. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 10, 1732.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 15, 1734-5; m. Dec. 23, 1761, William Goddard of Brookline.
- iv. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 2, 1737; died 1817; m. Oct. 9, 1762, his cousin Sarah Davis (see No. 8).
- v. DANIEL, b. March 29, 1739; m. Mary Childs.
- vi. EBENEZER, b. May 10, 1740; m. April 21, 1761, Hannah Davis of Roxbury.
- vii. MARY, b. Feb. 7, 1743; prob. m. March 4, 1777, Barnabas Maynard.
- viii. THANKFUL, b. March 28, 1744-5; m. June 18, 1778, Benjamin White⁵ (*Benjamin*,⁴ *Benjamin*,³ *Joseph*,² *John*¹), b. June 15, 1743; d. March 20, 1814. She d. Nov. 17, 1836.

14. BENJAMIN⁴ WHITE (*Benjamin*,³ *Joseph*,² *John*¹), of Brookline, one of the selectmen several years; died 1777; married Sarah Aspinwall. Children were:

- i. ELEANOR,⁵ b. Oct. 26, 1735; d. young.
- ii. THOMAS, b. Dec. 11, 1738.
- iii. CALEB, b. March 10, 1741. Grad. Princeton College, 1762; d. Dec. 16, 1770; m. May 14, 1767, Elizabeth, dau. of Ebenezer and Susanna (White) Crafts (see No. 10).
- iv. BENJAMIN, b. June 15, 1743; d. March 20, 1814; m. June 18, 1778, Thankful White (see No. 13).
- v. ELEANOR, b. Oct. 26, 1745; d. April 23, 1785; m. Jan. 3, 1766, Caleb, son of Ebenezer and Susanna (White) Crafts (see No. 10).
- vi. JERUSHA, b. Aug. 1, 1749; d. Aug. 21, 1838; m. Sept. 17, 1812, as his third wife, Caleb Crafts, whose first wife was her sister Eleanor (see No. 10).

15. **MOSES⁴ WHITE** (*Benjamin,³ Joseph,² John¹*), lived in Brookline; selectman 1765; will dated December 15, 1769, probated July 31, 1792; married January 10, 1740, Rachel Davis of Brookline. Children were:
- i. **AARON,⁵** b. April 8, 1741; m. May 30, 1769, Elizabeth Cheney.
 - ii. **HANNAH,** b. July 4, 1743; m. Nov. 11, 1762, Jonathan Dana of Cambridge.
 - iii. **RACHEL,** b. April 29, 1746; m. May 3, 1767, Nathaniel Weld.
 - iv. **MARGARET,** b. Dec. 28, 1747; m. March 5, 1767, Timothy Parker.
 - v. **MOSES,** b. July 15, 1750. Selectman several years.
16. **EBENEZER⁴ WHITE** (*Benjamin,³ Joseph,² John¹*). Grad. H. C. 1733. Ordained February 23, 1737, as the "gospel minister" of the Church of the North Precinct of Norton, Mass., which in 1770 became the town of Mansfield. Rev. George F. Clark, in his History of Norton, page 441, says: "Mr. White's ministry was not of the most peaceful character. He was probably too liberal in his views to satisfy many of the 'stricter sort' of his parish. He was of a feeble constitution, and hence frequently was unable to attend to the duties of his office. Just as negotiations for his withdrawal from the ministry were completed, and a successor had been chosen, or on the 18th of January, 1761, he left the troubles of earth for the peaceful realms of the spirit world." He married 1st, July 11, 1736, Lydia, daughter of Samuel Jennison of Watertown; 2d, Hannah Richards. She died December 1, 1800. Children, all by first wife, were:
- i. **BENJAMIN,⁵** b. Feb. 14, 1738; d. 1762; unm.
 - ii. **EBENEZER,** b. March 20, 1740; m. Sept. 19, 1765, Mary Hinks of Norton.
 - iii. **MARGARET,** b. ———; m. April 15, 1772, Job Hodges, Jr.
 - iv. **MARY,** b. ———; m. April 7, 1763, Lemuel Fisher of Norton.
 - v. **ELIZABETH,** b. ———; m. May 17, 1764, Benjamin Lincoln 3d of Taunton.
17. **BENJAMIN⁴ WHITE** (*Edward,³ Benjamin,² John¹*), lived in Brookline. Grad. H. C. 1744. He was much engaged in public affairs, and an ardent supporter of the Revolutionary War. Selectman and representative many years; a member of the Provincial Congress and a councillor; died 1790; married, Feb. 19, 1756, Elizabeth Aspinwall. Children were:
- i. **SUSANNA,⁵** b. Sept. 2, 1756; d. Aug. 29, 1832; m. ——— Gore.
 - ii. **EDWARD,** b. Nov. 27, 1758; d. 1812, at Savannah, Ga.
 - iii. **THOMAS,** b. May 17, 1763; d. Dec. 29, 1819; m. May 15, 1803, Rachel Thayer of Brookline.
 - iv. **JOHN,** b. Oct. 6, 1766; d. March 6, 1768.
 - v. **OLIVER,** b. April 17, 1771; d. Aug. 6, 1844; was town clerk of Brookline from 1814 to 1842; m. Jan. 13, 1812, Elizabeth Grafton of Dorchester.

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